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SUBJECT: SALE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA

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1. LOCKHEED SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CALLED AT EMBASSY MARCH 6 TO TELL US OF HIS LATEST DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAIRMAN OF LIBYAN AIRLINES. LOCKHEED CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN SALE OF LC-1011S TO LIBYAN AIRLINES (LAA) FOR DELIVERY LATE 1979 OR EARLY 1980, A TRANSACTION WHICH WOULD BE IN COMPETITION WITH PROPOSED SALE OF 747S BY BOEING. ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED REP, ATNEERFFPTBWQYMZKIRMAN AT THIS TIME IS ONE OF HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT DECISION ON BOEING 727S CAN SOON BE REVERSED. IF IT IS NOT REVERSED, THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCKHEED OR BOEING FOR THE LARGER AIRCRAFT, AND LAA WOULD HAVE TO TURN TO THE EUROPEANS FOR THE AIRBUS. (ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED REP, AIRBUS CAN BE FITTED WITH ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINES WHICH WOULD PLACE AIRCRAFT OUTSIDE U.S. CONTROLS.)

2. LOCKHEED IS ALSO INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE LARGE CONTRACT TO ESTABLISH A MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING FACILITY AT TRIPOLI FOR LAA'S COMMERCIAL FLEET, A
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PROJECT WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY DEPENDENT ON SALE OF LOCKHEED CIVIL AIRCRAFT. LOCKHEED REP APPEARED TO THINK LIBYANS ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROJECT EVEN IF U.S. COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CANNOT BE SOLD TO LIBYA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER SUCH A PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE USG PERMISSION, WE RECOMMENDED LOCKHEED OFFICE IN WASHINGTON TAKE UP MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT.

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